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Interface Advisory Board Meeting

February 6, 2014

Present:

Ellen Leinfuss - UL
Anne Schiadaresis - NJ Dept of Labor
Luke Koppisch - ACI
Ellen Kurtz - JFK
Bert Kormann - JFK

1. Discussion about the need for exhibitors for Career Options Day. Registrations have been slow this year. Outreach efforts will continue, board members were asked to continue recruitment efforts.
2. Luke Koppisch was introduced as the newest member of Interface. ACI has a long-standing relationship with JFK. Luke informed members of their current activities which now include pre-vocational, time-limited services to young adults post graduation. All CIL's are participating in fee for service program for 14-16 and 16-21 year olds to work on their Soft Skills. ACI is also an eligibility center for NJ TRANSIT AccessLink program. The organization makes referrals for many services for people with disabilities, including organizations that assist with housing. ACI also is the prime sponsor of the annual Disability Pride Parade.
3. JFK Career Development Program: the department's male graduate intern is facilitating a group that will in part focus on relationship issues that our young men experience.
4. Anne spoke about the financial incentives available to employers, including On the Job training funds (OJT). The incentive provides tax credit to companies that hire individuals from various challenged groups in an effort to stimulate hiring. Anne will find out for the group what the status is of the WOTC program.
5. Ellen L. spoke to the issue of the need to focus marketing of programs to the families/parents

Next meeting March 6, 2014

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